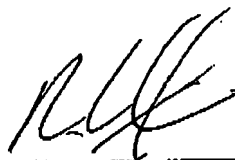


fastening said straps into closed loops; and releasing the bound bale.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 23 wherein said strap loops are spaced substantially about 9 and 1/4 inches apart when incorporated into a bulk material baling machine.

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